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SUBJ: THAI MEDIA REACTION -- PANAMA CANAL TREATIES RATIFIED

1. IN THE FIRST THAI MEDIA REACTION TO THE SENATE'S RATIFICATION OF THE SECOND PANAMA CANAL TREATY, THE INDEPENDENT HSING HSIAN JIT PAO, THAILAND'S LARTEST-CIRCULATION CHINESE-LANGUAGE NEWS-PAPER, HAILS THE SENATE VOTE IN ITS APRIL 21 EDITORIAL AS "A VERY IMPORTANT VICTORY FOR CARTER'S FOREIGN POLICY."

2. CONVERSELY, FAILURE TO RATIFY WOULD HAVE BEEN A BODY BLOW TO THAT POLICY, EDIT CONTINUES.

3. SENATE APPROVAL OF BOTH TREATIES "SHOWS THAT THE U.S. HAS ADOPTED A FRIENDLY ATTITUDE TOWARD ITS NEIGHBORING NATIONS AND HAS RENOUNCED SELFISH RIGHTS FOR THE SAKE OF REGIONAL SECURITY AND COMMON INTERSTS... THIS IS PROOF OF THE SUCCESS OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S FOREIGN POLICY AND A FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO HIS STRATEGY OF RECONCILIATION," EDI PROCLAIMS.

4. "IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES IS TANTAMOUNT TO SEPARATING THE PEOPLE OF PANAMA FROM PROLONGED AMERICAN DOMINATION AND OPENS A NEW CHAPTER IN RELATIONS BETWEEN PANAMA AND THE U.S.," EDIT CONCLUDES.

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